DEWAN 'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanan Namputiripad, you are not strictly correct in saying that I said nothing about the Alwaye bridge last year. This is what I said." The estimate works out to Rs. 3,29,000 and I am afraid it will not go beyond an estimate for the next two years at least".

When there are more urgent works serving arterial communications, the question of this bridge cannot as I said last year go beyond an estimate for some time to come.

MEMBER : Restoration of the Alangad taluk.

DEWAN : In regard to the question of restoration of the Alangad taluk, I can only repeat what I said last year. Nevertheless, though in name Alangad is not used at present for the description of a revenue unit, the land Alangad still remains and will remain for all time. The Government hope to evolve better arrangements for the administration of criminal justice in what used to be the Alangad taluk.

134. Needs of the Peermade taluk.

MR. C. A. ANUMANTAKUDI MIRA ROWTHER (*Member, Peermade taluk*) said that the Peermade taluk was not behind other taluks in respect of income, population etc. But proper attention was not being paid by the Government to the maintenance of public health in the taluk. Kumili and Vandiperiyar were two of the important stations in the place. Kumili was on the frontier between Travancore and the British territory and it was also the headquarters of the Government offices in the taluk. Vandiperiyar was an important trading centre. But these two stations were seats of malaria and it was highly necessary that two conservancy stations should be established, one at Vandiperiyar and the other at Kumili. Moreover, Peermade was a health-resort of many people and of late of the Ruling Family. Arrangements should therefore be made for the preservation of sanitation in the taluk.

Secondly, in the Peermade taluk, the Tahsildar was now exercising magisterial powers also. A separate Magistrate, preferably a Munsiff-Magistrate, was necessary for the taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mira Rowther, there is a major conservancy station at Mundakayam, and a minor conservancy station at Arudai and conservancy staffs have been appointed at Vandiperiyar, Kumili and Pambanar in connection with plague operations. The Sanitary Commissioner has under consideration the question of at what all places in the Peermade area it is necessary to establish conservancy stations.

I shall have your suggestion of a Munsiff being appointed at Peermade with magisterial jurisdiction considered. By the way, I am doubtful whether the amount of civil work will justify it. Still it will be examined.

135 Encouragement of the Malayalam language and literature.

MR. P. C. NARAYANAN BHATTATIRI (*Member, Jenmies, Quilon Division*) said that respect for one's mother-tonge was one of the noblest sentiments inborn in man. No effort would be superfluous which an individual or a nation made to develop his or its mother tongue. In fact every civilised nation was to-day trying to develop its own language. But so far as the Malayalam language was concerned, the people whose mother tongue that language was, were neglecting it. They were anglicising themselves and throwing away Malayalam. In Travancore the Government were also partially responsible for this state of affairs. With a view to developing the Malayalam language, the member would suggest the following measures being taken by Government. Correspondence in every public office should, as far as possible, be in Malayalam. Arrangements should be made in all courts for giving Malayalam translations of judgments to parties. All correspondence in municipalities should be in Malayalam. Government publications of general interest such as the Census Report, the State Manual etc. should be published in Malayalam. Malayalam should be declared to be the court language in Travancore. Persons holding qualifications in Malayalam should be appointed in the Government service. All

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